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## SAFETY FESTIVAL AND OPEN HOUSE

THE 5TH ANNUAL BLOOMINGTON Safety Festival will be held **Saturday, August 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S. Check out the Police K-9 Unit, MADD Crash Car, and the Fire Department's smoke house and fire truck. Visit Creekside's woodshop, boutique, lapidary, pool room and buyer's club. An animal petting zoo and inflatable jumper will also be available for children. For more information, call 952-563-4873 V/TTY.



## REPORTING SICK OR INJURED ANIMALS

USE THESE PHONE NUMBERS TO REPORT:

- Sick or injured animals, call **911**.
- Dead wildlife (except deer) on public property, call **Animal Control, 952-563-4942**.
- Dead or injured deer, call **Bloomington Police, 952-563-4900**.



## SEPTEMBER HIKING

THE SPRING HIKING CLUB WILL MEET **Tuesdays, September 6 - 27, from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.** for hiking at a variety of Twin Cities locations. Cost is \$32. To register, call 952-563-4873 V/TTY.

## A WHIRLED OF GOOD CAPTURING DEBRIS BEFORE IT ENTERS THE POND



LAST SPRING, GIANT MECHANICAL devices were installed near East 80th Street and Chicago Avenue to improve the quality of stormwater runoff that enters Smith Pond, 8155 Park Ave. S. Stormwater flows from the street to grit chambers in the devices that utilize the swirling action of water to separate sand and other solids. Floating trash, debris and even oil are captured by internal walls. Periodically, a large vacuum truck is used to suck out the trapped pollutants. The devices, part of the City's Best Management Practices to improve water quality, are funded through storm sewer utilities fees. For more information, call Scott Anderson at 952-563-4867.

## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY – DEVELOP A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS Month – a time to highlight the simple steps you can take to prepare yourself and your family for an emergency.

Preparing for an emergency doesn't mean constructing a bunker in your backyard, stockpiling a year's worth of SPAM in your basement or outfitting your wardrobe with camouflage. Being prepared simply means having a plan of action for any emergency.

It's been nearly four years since the September 11 tragedy and, although most of us realize a disaster can strike at any time, few have prepared for one. It is important to discuss an emergency plan with your family. Talk about what to do if a natural disaster confines you to your home, a chemical spill requires evacuation or there is another act of terrorism.

### STEPS TO PREPAREDNESS

#### Identify a contact person.

Designate both local and out-of-state contacts to call if a disaster strikes.

#### Gather supplies.

Store these supplies in a sturdy backpack or other container:

1. A three-day supply of water (one gallon per day per person) and non-perishable food.
2. A change of clothing and shoes; one blanket or sleeping bag per person.
3. A first aid kit.
4. Emergency tools: battery-operated radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
5. An extra set of car keys and credit card.
6. Sanitation supplies.
7. Special items for infants and elderly or disabled family members.
8. Important family documents in waterproof, portable containers.

#### Practice and maintain your plan.

Rotate food and water every six months; replace batteries and update clothes. Rethink and update your plan annually.



#### WHEN TO CALL 911

Don't hesitate to call 911 whenever you need police, fire or medical response. Bloomington Police Dispatchers will assist you in determining the appropriate response. Call 911 if you:

- Are a victim of a crime.
- See a crime happening.
- Observe suspicious activity.
- Need help in a police, medical or fire situation.



#### VISIT YOUR LOCAL FIRE STATION

Bloomington's firefighters are some of the first responders to an emergency. Get to know your neighborhood firefighters at the **Fire Station Open House on Saturday, October 15, from 10 - 1 p.m.** See page 6.

**Be healthy, be safe and be ready.** Your best protection in any emergency is preparation. For a Family Disaster Plan form, see page 8. For information, call 952-563-4962 or visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keywords: Emergency preparedness.

<b>Other</b>	<a href="http://www.ready.gov">www.ready.gov</a>	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
<b>Web sites</b>	<a href="http://www.redcross.org">www.redcross.org</a>	American Red Cross
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# MANAGING TRAFFIC ON BLOOMINGTON'S STREETS

## AMENDED POLICY TO INCREASE SAFETY AND ADDRESS TRAFFIC SPEEDS

By Mayor Gene Winstead

TRAFFIC CONCERNS ON NEIGHBORHOOD streets are growing, not only in Bloomington, but across the metro area. More people are taking more trips and traveling more miles. The gasoline tax, used to fund improvements to major arterials including I-494 and I-35W, has not been raised in many years. The consequences are congestion on arterials and motorists often using alternative routes, such as collector streets, to get to their destinations.

Some motorists are disregarding traffic laws as they try to keep up with the increasing demands of life. Bloomington Police are increasing law enforcement efforts to target speeding drivers and help reduce crashes and injuries. *See article below.* In addition, the City Council recently approved an amended policy to help improve the safety of Bloomington's streets and to address neighborhood concerns about traffic speeds.

As part of the City's traffic-calming program, collector streets with no center

medians and daily traffic counts of less than 10,000 vehicles per day will be reviewed for potential changes from four undivided lanes to two lanes or two lanes with center, dual left-turn lanes. On-street parking or striped shoulders will be added where width is sufficient.

The policy's goal is to increase safety and attempt to decrease speeds without negatively affecting the roadway's level of service. Streets will be considered for the program as they come up for maintenance under the City's Pavement Management Program and neighborhoods will be informed when that occurs. An open house was held in July for streets eligible for the 2006 program.

Streets approved for the 2005 program included Nine Mile Creek Parkway from Stanley Avenue to 90th Street, Poplar Bridge Road/90th Street between Collegeview and Harrison roads, and 84th Street between Pillsbury and Nicollet avenues. Council and staff will monitor the new policy to see how



it is working. City staff will collect data on speed and volume of traffic and report the results of the program to Council after one year.

The City's role in trying to calm traffic through street design and law enforcement can help, but driver behavior has a major impact. Surveys show that speeding drivers are often people who live in the neighborhood. We can all do our part to improve the safety of our streets.

For more information about the traffic-calming program, visit the City's Web site at [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keywords: Traffic calming, or call Amy Marohn, Traffic Calming Coordinator, at 952-563-4532.



“People are driving 15 mph over the speed limit,” Bloomington Police Officer Bret Anderberg said. “The fact that some of the public feels comfortable driving above the posted limits is a safety concern.”

# POLICE INCREASE EFFORTS TO REDUCE TRAFFIC SPEED

## BLOOMINGTON JOINS METRO-WIDE EFFORT

BLOOMINGTON POLICE AND LAW enforcement around the metropolitan area have a message for speeders: Drive the speed limit or receive a ticket. The Speed Wave campaign, a coalition of 10 state, county and local law enforcement agencies began in June to target speeding drivers and help reduce crashes and traffic injuries.

Over the last two months, Bloomington Police have partnered with Eden Prairie, Edina, Eagan, Mendota Heights, Minneapolis and the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in a combined effort to reduce motorists' speeds. Law enforcement officers worked together to target areas in each of the cities.

Diminishing respect for traffic laws seems to be the root cause of a

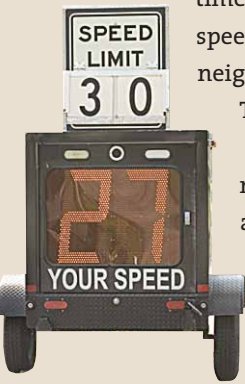
significant percentage of crashes. Bloomington Police Officer Bret Anderberg said increased speeding citations help change driver behavior.

According to a survey released by the Governors Highway Safety Association, speeding should be given the same level of attention as occupant protection and impaired driving. In 2004, Bloomington Police began targeting high-volume crash areas with extra enforcement. The increase in traffic law enforcement has resulted in a decrease in personal injury accidents in Bloomington. *See graph.*

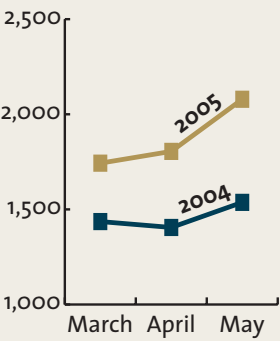
“We’re trying to keep speeds down to reduce crashes,” Anderberg said. “In general, 30 mph and below are the speeds at which drivers have the most control over their vehicle.”

Police use devices that monitor speed, volume, type of car and speeding times to target speeders in specific neighborhoods. Trailers that display motorists' speeds are also used to let people know that the police are watching and to remind motorists to check their speeds.

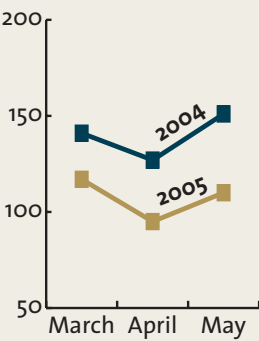
For more information, call Bloomington Police at 952-563-4900.



TRAFFIC STOPS



VEHICLE CRASHES



Police data from March through May shows that increased traffic stops in 2005 corresponded to a decrease in vehicle crashes compared to the year before.



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# MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AIRPORT EXPANSION

## PREDICTED FLIGHT PATHS OF THE NEW RUNWAY



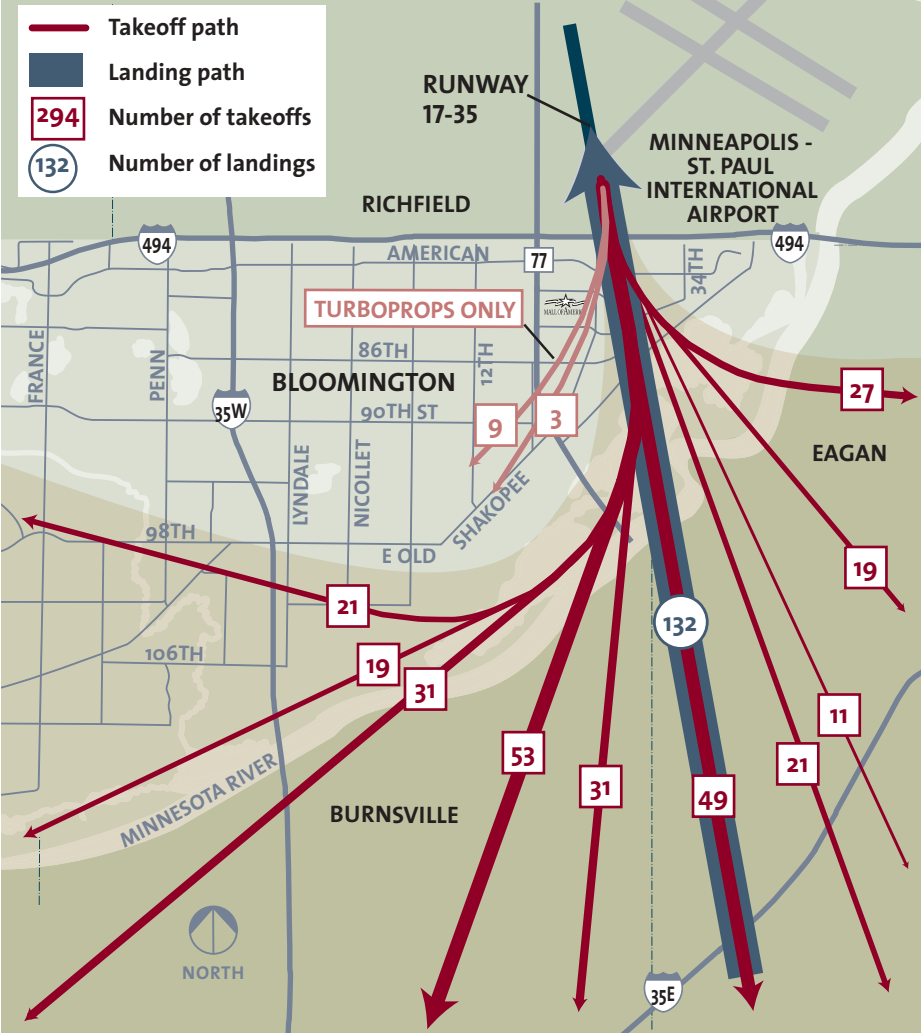
A NEW NORTH/SOUTH RUNWAY AT THE Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport is near completion. Runway 17-35 will increase the airport's operational capacity by approximately 25 percent, helping to reduce congestion and delays. Part of a \$3.1 billion expansion plan developed by the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), the runway is scheduled to open in October.

When the runway is being used, increased aircraft noise will impact Bloomington residents who currently experience little or no aircraft noise. MAC held six information meetings in June to answer residents' questions regarding the new runway's operations.

The meetings included a discussion of the predicted flight paths for takeoffs of the new runway. Because of the configuration and location of the runway, all aircraft will take off toward and land from the south. The runway will handle approximately 37 percent of departures and 17 percent of arrivals at the airport. MAC will hold additional information meetings on Monday, November 14, and Tuesday, November 22, 6:30 p.m. at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road.

For more information, call MAC's Noise Complaint and Information Line at 612-726-9411 or visit [www.macnoise.com](http://www.macnoise.com).

### RUNWAY 17-35 DAILY TAKEOFFS AND LANDINGS BASED ON 2007 ANNUAL AVERAGE DAY



As the map shows, an average of 294 takeoffs and 132 landings are expected to use Runway 17 -35 on an average day. Air traffic will vary based on weather conditions, decisions by air traffic controllers and pilots, and the number of flights scheduled at the airport. A turboprop is a small commuter aircraft powered by propeller engines.



### PARTNERSHIP WORKS TO REVIVE I-35W

#### FOCUS IS TO RESTORE VITALITY OF A MAJOR ARTERY

ANY DOCTOR WILL TELL YOU ARTERIAL health is vital to your overall well-being – neglect it and serious health issues will arise. Like an aging artery, there's no question that I-35W – with its many blockages – can no longer keep up with the demands of traffic flow. From Minneapolis to Lakeville, I-35W carries more than 265,500 vehicles each day. It also has the highest percentage of trips into Minneapolis of any roadway. As population increases, so does traffic.

The I-35W Solutions Alliance is a partnership between Dakota, Hennepin and Scott counties and the cities of Bloomington, Burnsville, Lakeville, Minneapolis, Richfield and Savage. The key interest of the Solutions Alliance is to maintain and improve the vitality of this primary artery. Improvement projects identified by the I-35W Alliance include:

- I-35W and Highway 62 interchange.
- I-35W north of 46<sup>th</sup> Street.
- I-35W and I-494 interchange.
- Highway 13 between I-35W and Highway 169.
- Development and implementation of Bus Rapid Transit along I-35W and Cedar Avenue.

Ask your elected officials to support the I-35W priority projects identified by the Alliance. For more information, visit [www.revive35w.org](http://www.revive35w.org).

#### IT'S A FACT

Crashes are the primary delay on I-35W in the south metro. Since 2002, there have been 432 crashes where I-35W and I-494 meet – the highest rate of any interchange on the entire I-494/I-694 beltway.

## LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT UPDATE

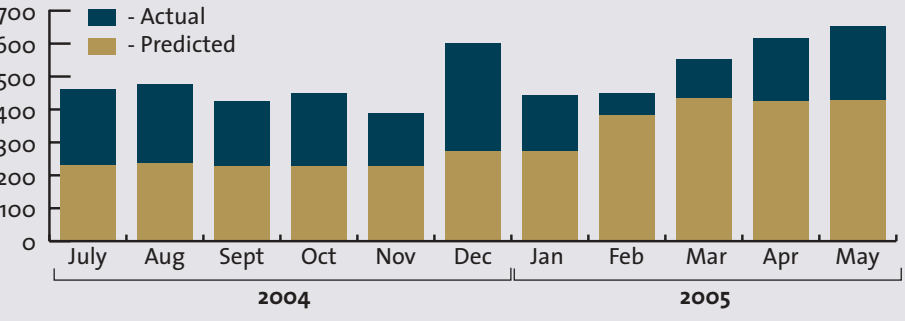
### MORE AND MORE PEOPLE TAKING THE TRAIN

LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT RIDERSHIP continues to increase. In May, 651,000 passengers rode the train – almost

50 percent higher than predicted when the project was originally proposed. See graph.

Park and Ride lots along the light rail line are also heavily used. Who's using them? The results of a March Metro Transit license survey of the 28th Avenue Station Park and Ride showed that approximately 55 percent of users are Dakota County residents, 35 percent are Bloomington residents and 10 percent are from other areas of Hennepin County. For more information, visit the City's Web site at [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword: LRT or the MetroTransit Web site at [www.metrotransit.org](http://www.metrotransit.org).

#### MONTHLY LRT RIDERSHIP IN THOUSANDS



## IMPROVING WATER QUALITY IN BLOOMINGTON

### STORMWATER PONDS FILTER POLLUTANTS FROM STREET RUNOFF

AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF Normandale Boulevard and 84th Street, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is constructing a pond designed to treat stormwater runoff from the I-494 corridor before it flows into Nine Mile Creek. Located on a parcel purchased by MnDOT and the City of Bloomington, the pond will meet federal, state and local stormwater regulations associated with the I-494

road improvement project. The pond is scheduled for completion this year. A separate landscaping project will begin in 2006.

Ponds are a common method for treating and controlling stormwater runoff. They provide temporary storage for the excess water. The sediment and other pollutants settle in the pond and cleaner water enters downstream waterbodies. Biological or chemical processes that take place

within a pond can also improve water quality. The National Urban Runoff Program's research projects have determined that properly designed stormwater ponds can remove up to 90 percent of sand, grit and sediment. Additionally, many pollutants, such as phosphorus, bond to sediment remaining in the pond, improving surface water quality. Accumulated sediment is routinely excavated,

properly disposed of, or recycled. For more information, call 952-563-4867.







“Bloomington Police – Thank you for the great time at the Cops and Kids Baseball Clinic. My child, an autistic 10-year-old, was so thrilled with the entire day and everyone’s help, advice and participation. You guys and gals are great! We appreciate all of you for your community support of kids and your constant protection.”  
*Kim, resident*



Baseball legend Kent Hrbek takes a break to sign autographs for a young fan.

## BLOOMINGTON YESTERDAY SEPTEMBER 1955



LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS WATCHED AS the new Metropolitan Stadium began to take shape in the fall of 1955. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held June 20, 1955, for the stadium, which was built on a 50-acre vegetable farm east of Cedar Avenue. Completed in April 1956, the stadium opened to a record crowd of 18,366 for the triple-A Minneapolis Millers vs. Wichita baseball game. Newspapers called the opening “The Miracle of 78th Street.” The owner of the New York Giants (parent team of the Millers) was quoted as saying that Met Stadium was “the finest minor league park in the country, and there are not two in the majors that are better.” The cost to build the stadium in 1955: \$8.5 million.  
*Minnesota Historical Society*

### CLARIFICATION

Historical information regarding the Minnesota Valley Country Club that appeared in the April Bloomington Yesterday came from *Minnesota Valley Country Club From Farms to Fairways: A Narrative History 1923 -1991*, a book written by longtime Bloomington resident Laraine Tracy.

## BUILDING COMMUNITY COPS AND KIDS BASEBALL CLINIC IS A HIT

IT WAS A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR Bloomington Police and the more than 100 youth who participated in the Cops and Kids Baseball Clinic held at Kent Hrbek Field last spring. Police officers, community service officers and administrative staff volunteered to teach various baseball skills, including hitting, fielding and throwing, to 7- to 10-year-old boys and girls.

“This was a wonderful outreach to young kids who typically do not see the police unless there is something wrong,” said Commander Jeff Potts.

The inspiration for the program came from Officer Aaron Paul who has also been a baseball coach at Jefferson High School for the last 10 years. Paul said the clinic is a good way for police to establish a positive relationship with kids and to build connections with many different groups and businesses in the community.

Some top names in baseball lent their expertise to the clinic, including former Minnesota Twin Kent Hrbek,



representatives from the Twins Youth Clinic and the Saint Paul Saints, Minnesota Gopher baseball players and Twins’ mascot, T.C. Bear.

Funded through donations, the baseball clinic is a team effort between the Police Department, Parks and Recreation, Bloomington Crime Prevention, Bloomington Athletic Association and community businesses. Kids were asked to bring canned food donations to the free clinic; 77 pounds of food were collected for VEAP. Another baseball clinic will be held in spring 2006. For more information, call 952-563-4900.

## 2005 ELEVEN WHO CARE AWARD RECIPIENTS TWO BLOOMINGTON RESIDENTS SELECTED

BLOOMINGTON RESIDENTS MEL Kirkpatrick and Flora Tsukayama are two of KARE-11’s Eleven Who Care Award recipients for 2005. The award recognizes the outstanding contributions of 11 grass-roots volunteers.

### MEL KIRKPATRICK

For the last 47 years, Mel Kirkpatrick has helped bring culture to the community as an actor, volunteer and a current board member of Bloomington Civic Theatre (BCT).

In 1955, BCT began with a \$30 loan from the City’s Parks and Recreation Division. After two plays, BCT was able to repay the loan, but it was a production of “Guys and Dolls” in 1960 that put them on the map.

“The theater critic of the *Star and Tribune* headlined the review with ‘As

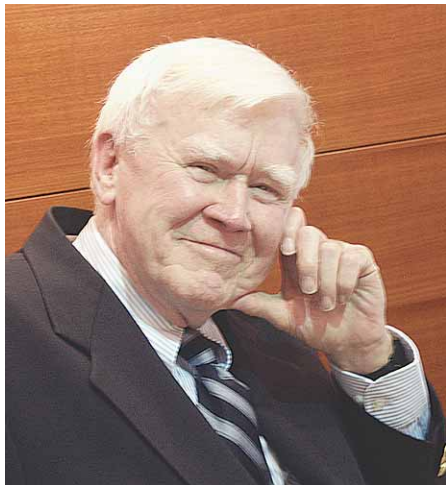
Recipients, who were chosen out of 325 nominations submitted by individuals and service organizations, receive an \$1,100 donation to the non-profit organization of their choice. The award winners will be honored during a live telecast on Wednesday, September 7,

Good as Broadway’ and people came in droves to see the play,” said Kirkpatrick. “The shows have been wonderful over the years and have received an enormous public response. That’s why Bloomington Civic Theatre is still around today.”

Kirkpatrick is also a host, researcher and writer of “The Time of Our Lives,” a program aimed at senior citizens that airs on Bloomington Educational Cable Television.

at 9 p.m. on KARE 11. For more information, call 763-546-1111.

Would you would like to start your own tradition of dedication and volunteering leadership to your community? Visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword: Volunteer.



### FLORA TSUKAYAMA

Flora Tsukayama is committed to community leadership and has a passion for promoting diversity. Tsukayama has been a School Watch Volunteer with Bloomington Public Schools since 1994. Everyday she visits Jefferson High School to provide an adult presence.

“In addition to security, students need an adult to talk to from time to time,” Tsukayama said. “Being in the schools helps me connect with the students. We get a chance to

brainstorm to help make the environment better for all.”

Tsukayama is also a board member on the Bloomington Human Rights Commission; a student mentor and tutor; a facilitator for Seeking Education Equity and Diversity, a national program to teach diversity to adults and high school students; and a board member and translator with the Bloomington Sister City Organization, which provides cultural exchange programs with Izumi City, Japan.





## EXCELLENCE IN FORESTRY CITY RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

BLOOMINGTON IS ONE OF ONLY EIGHT cities in Minnesota to be awarded the Tree City USA Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation. The award is given to cities that have made substantial improvements or changes in their forestry programs.

Bloomington was recognized for improving response in the removal of

diseased trees and increasing funding for the City's tree program.

The National Arbor Day Foundation honored Bloomington with a "Tree City USA" designation for the 18th consecutive year.



### CITY'S FIRST ANNUAL TREE SALE

MORE THAN 230 TREES WERE SOLD FOR planting on private residences at the City's first annual tree sale in May. Park Maintenance held the tree sale to help replace some of the more than 900 diseased trees lost on private properties in 2004. Approximately 70 unsold trees were planted at various parks throughout the city.

For more information on diseased trees, contact Acting City Forester Paul Edwardson at 952-563-8762.

## BUCKTHORN ACROSS BORDERS COMMUNITY EVENT TO ELIMINATE BUCKTHORN

THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE and the Friends of the Minnesota Valley, in partnership with the City of Bloomington and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, will host the 2005 Buckthorn Across Borders event.

Buckthorn Across Borders will focus on tackling European Buckthorn at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, a City of Bloomington park and land owned by the Department of Natural Resources. European Buckthorn is an invasive, exotic species that grows quickly, choking out beneficial native trees, shrubs and wildflowers.

The goal is to host the largest, most successful buckthorn management event ever held on the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Event partners are hoping for more than 500 volunteers to assistance with manual



and chemical treatment of buckthorn on more than 10 acres.

Buckthorn Across Borders will be held on **Saturday, October 8, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Registration and headquarters will be in the parking lot near the HealthPartners building, 8100 34th Ave. S. For more information or to volunteer, call Chris Trosen at 952-858-0729 or Kevin Bigalke at 952-858-0720.

## GO BACK TO SCHOOL GREEN WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING TIPS

STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS CAN all make a difference in reducing waste. Practice the "3 Rs" of waste reduction - reduce, reuse and recycle. Tips include:

- Sort through last year's supplies to see if they can be reused.
- Make a list before you shop for school supplies to limit impulse buying.
- Purchase supplies such as paper made from recycled products.
- Buy refillable pens and rechargeable batteries.
- Use reusable lunch boxes or bags and use reusable containers instead of food storage bags.
- Buy used goods from resale shops.



- Recycle unwanted papers and reuse old folders and binders.

Source: Hennepin County Environmental Services.

*Earth Action Heroes are making a difference in the community. Here are your neighbors in action ...*

May 2005  
To Kerry Stone, Human Services  
You sent three guys from Ziegler. I had to tell you how impressed I was with them. They not only helped my husband take out those rusty screws on the hideaway bed, but they were so gracious and so helpful. Thank you.  
Ruby, resident

# KA-POW



Ziegler employees and volunteer coordinators Jeff Eckstrom and Keith Chellsen.

Ziegler Helping Hands volunteers assist residents with Curbside Cleanup.

## EARTH ACTION HEROES HELPING HANDS LIFT THE BURDEN OF OTHERS

"FREE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES" IS THE HEADLINE ON RECRUITMENT SIGNS THAT Keith Chellsen posts on his workplace bulletin boards at Ziegler, a Bloomington-based Caterpillar parts and service company. So far the signs have paid off, not only for Chellsen, but also for the employees who, he says, "step on the volunteer path and never step off."

Three years ago, Chellsen, along with coworker Jeff Eckstrom, were asked by the company's community service program to put together a smaller, more personal volunteer program to benefit Bloomington. New to volunteering, they contacted Kerry Stone at the City of Bloomington who suggested helping with the Curbside Cleanup.

"Helping Hands," a group of Ziegler employees and retirees, was formed. In addition to assisting seniors and those with disabilities move refrigerators, dryers and other heavy items from basements to the curbs, volunteers deliver groceries to homebound individuals through the Store to Door and Human Services programs.

Employees mostly volunteer on their own time. But thanks to Ziegler executives, employees also receive paid time for helping out the citizens of Bloomington. The employees give up their lunch hours to help Store to Door and Ziegler pays for any extra volunteer time.

"Ziegler is very supportive of Helping Hands," Eckstrom said. "It means a lot to us to be a member of a corporation that cares about the community where they do business."

Helping Hands is always looking for new opportunities and to achieve the ultimate experience of really connecting with somebody.

"People always ask how it makes us feel when we volunteer," Chellsen said. "We do it because it's the right thing to do and in the end it's all about being with the people we meet."

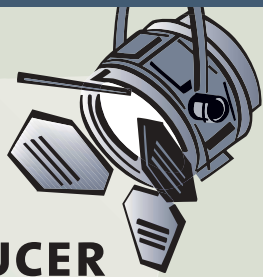
### VOLUNTEERS STRENGTHEN AND SHAPE BLOOMINGTON

The City works with more than 1,500 volunteers, each contributing an average of 100 hours with an estimated value of \$2.5 million to the community. For volunteer opportunities, call Kerry Stone at 952-563-8737 or visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword: Volunteer.



Ziegler employees volunteer with Store to Door.





PRODUCER  
SPOTLIGHT  
LIGHTS, CAMERA,  
TAKE ACTION IN YOUR  
COMMUNITY



TELEVISION PRODUCER LEO ESPINOZA, shown here with co-producer Cynthia Barrientos, answers questions about “Experiencia Latina.” The show airs on Bloomington Community Access Television (BCAT), Channel 16, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:30 a.m., 6:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

My show began with a need for information, education and entertainment for the growing Latina population so that they can have a positive input in their communities.

Creating my own television program has been in my mind since I was in school. I worked in radio for 12 years in Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia, Texas and Miami, but making an image public stays in the hearts and minds of the community.

After knocking on at least 20 doors to get my program on television, I found community cable access. People told me that Minnesota communities weren’t ready for a show in Spanish. It made me want to do it more.

We want audiences to understand our new community and be sensitive to other cultures and languages so that people won’t discriminate. In a civilized society, this is the true meaning of freedom and success.

BCAT provides opportunities to everyone. Not in every country in the world do you have the opportunity to express your own ideas.

Create your own program. Make lots of mistakes. Don’t let your ideas die in your heart. Capture them. Treasure them. If you present it as it is, it will be beautiful.

For more information, visit BCAT at [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword: BCAT or call Amanda Taylor at 952-563-4980.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FIREFIGHTER  
FIRE STATIONS TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE



THE CITY’S SIX FIRE STATIONS CELEBRATE National Fire PREVENTION WEEK WITH AN open house on **Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Firefighter, Police and Public Works staff will be on hand, along with lots of activities, demonstrations and tours. Free t-shirts and temporary tattoos will be available for kids. For more information, call 952-563-4801.

CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER IS LOCATED AT 9801 PENN AVE. S. FOR MORE information, call the Human Services Information Line at 952-563-4873.

CONNECT TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES  
CALL BLOOMINGTON FAMILINK

If you have questions or need information on housing, financial assistance, health insurance, legal services, childcare or other issues, call Bloomington FamiLink. Human Services staff will help clarify needs and connect you with resources. Call 952-563-4957 V/TTY or visit Creekside, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE  
ATTEND THE ALL AGES ANIMAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Wood Lake Nature Center staff will show off their interesting animal friends and present many fascinating facts about the creatures that live around us. Children and adults are invited to this free event on **Wednesday, August 24, from 9:30 -10:30 a.m.** at Creekside. To register, call the Information Line.

FREE CELL PHONES TO ACCESS 911  
OLDER ADULTS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ARE ELIGIBLE

Bloomington residents who do not own cell phones and are ages 55 or older or have disabilities or medical conditions are eligible to register for free cell phones refurbished to access 911 emergency services exclusively. Cell phones will be distributed on **Saturdays, September 10 and November 5, at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.** at Creekside. A monthly service fee is not needed to access 911. Individuals who receive cell phones must attend a brief orientation on distribution day. This program is made possible by Qwest Pioneers.



**CELL PHONE DONATIONS NEEDED**

If you’d like to donate a working cell phone with a wall charger that was purchased within the last five years, drop it off at Creekside. Volunteers with Qwest Pioneers will clear the phones of personal data and reprogram them to access 911. Donated phones will be distributed to older adults or individuals with disabilities or medical conditions.

BLOOMINGTON IMPROV  
MAKES DISCUSSING DIFFICULT TOPICS EASIER



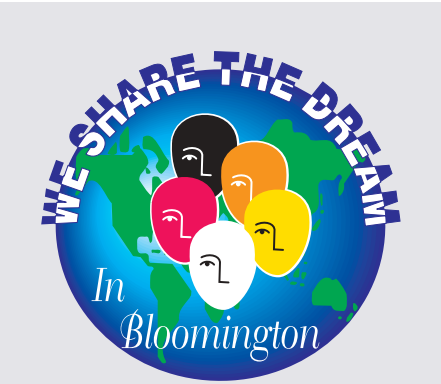
BLOOMINGTON IMPROV, A THEATER troupe comprised of Jefferson and Kennedy high school students, is a unique way for schools, faith organizations, businesses, civic groups and other organizations to discuss difficult topics. The troupe uses short, 30-second to two-minute scenes to explore issues. At the end of each scene, an IMPROV adult facilitator invites discussion from the audience. For more information, call 952-563-8984. IMPROV is supported by Bloomington Public Health, Tri-City Partners for Healthy Youth and Communities, and the Education Foundation of Bloomington.

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**OPEN HOUSE**

Visit your local fire station  
**Saturday, October 15**  
**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

STATION NO.	ADDRESS
1	10 West 95th St.
2	10601 Xerxes Ave. S.
3	2050 E. 86th St.
4	4201 W. 84th St.
5	10540 Bush Lake Road
6	8601 Lakeview Road



**HONORING LEADERSHIP  
NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD**

THE BLOOMINGTON HUMAN RIGHTS Commission is seeking nominations for the Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award. The Commission will honor an individual or organization (business, volunteer group or religious group) that has demonstrated leadership in promoting human rights in our city. The award recipient will be publicly recognized and receive a plaque. The deadline for Omar Bonderud Award nominations is September 16. To receive a nominee application, please call 952-563-8733; TTY 952-563-8740.

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT  
AND AWARENESS MONTH  
OCTOBER FEATURES EVENTS  
AND ACTIVITIES

HUMAN SERVICES CELEBRATES Disability Employment and Awareness Month in October with activities and events. The goal of this month-long effort is to provide an opportunity for all people with disabilities to learn about job requirements, obtain information about job placement and training programs, learn about community advocacy programs and to educate businesses about the benefits of hiring individuals with disabilities. For a complete listing of the activities offered throughout the community, visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keywords: DEAM. For more information, call the Human Services Division at 952-563-4873.



CONTACT PARKS AND RECREATION AT 952-563-8877 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE ACTIVITIES.

# TUNE IN TO THE BLOOMINGTON JAZZ FESTIVAL

## JazzMn Big Band to headline annual event

ONE OF MINNESOTA’S BEST KNOWN groups, the JazzMn Big Band, headlines the **2005 Bloomington Jazz Festival on Sunday, August 14**, at Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th Street and Chalet Road. Formed in 1998, JazzMn is a professional orchestra featuring outstanding jazz musicians from the Twin Cities.

Promising to be one of the best yet, the festival lineup includes:

**Triplicate**, who has performed at the Hot Summer Jazz Festival, the KBEM Winter Jazz Festival and Grand Marais Jazz Festival, the Artist’s Quarter in St. Paul and the Dakota Jazz Club in Minneapolis.



The **Stan Bann Big Band**, who has played more than 250 concerts in the Twin Cities, performs new renditions of big band classics.

**Red Wolfe’s “Ellington Echoes” Memorial Band**, directed by Percy

FESTIVAL LINE-UP	
12 - 1 p.m.	Triplicate
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Stan Bann Big Band
3 - 4 p.m.	Red Wolfe’s “Ellington Echoes” Memorial Band
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	JazzMN

Hughes, performs Ellington’s big band compositions as a small ensemble.

Parking is available in the ramps across 84th Street or to the east on Chalet Road. The event is free. For more information, call 952-563-8877.

# ADULT SPORTS

## FALL TENNIS LESSONS

When: *Session I:* September 8 - October 13.  
*Session II:* October 20 - November 24.

Time: Call Parks and Recreation for details.

Where: Northwest Athletic Club, 1001 W. 98th St.

Cost: \$55.

# WOMEN’S AND CO-REC VOLLEYBALL



LEAGUES FORM IN September. Play begins Monday, October 17. Cost is \$445 refereed and \$275 recreational. Sign up by Friday, September 12. For more information, call Parks and Recreation.

# RIVER RENDEZVOUS

## A STEP BACK IN TIME

JOIN THE FUN AT POND-DAKOTA MISSION Park, 401 E. 104th St., on **Saturday, September 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Walk through 200 years of history where costumed reenactors portray the life and times of those who took part in the development of Minnesota and the American West. For information, call Parks and Recreation or visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword: Rendezvous.



# THANK YOU!

## SUMMER FETE SPONSORS

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### INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS

Nearly \$8,400 was contributed by 400 donors.



# CENTER FOR THE ARTS

## BLOOMINGTON ART CENTER

### EXHIBITIONS

952-563-4777

Hours: **M - F** 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
**Sa** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Su** 1 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### INEZ GREENBERG GALLERY

**Metaphor and Myth**, runs through **August 19** and features artists Jeannine Spooner Kitzhaber and Margo Selski.



"Humpty Dumpty II", oil and beeswax, Margo Selski

**The Society of Minnesota Sculptors** runs **August 26 - September 30**. The opening reception will be Friday, August 26, 6 - 8 p.m.

**Landscapes, Light & Surfaces**, featuring Fred Annes, Jon Martin Hicks and Cameron Zebrun, runs **October 7 - November 11**. The opening reception will be Friday, October 7, 6 - 8 p.m.

### ATRIUM GALLERY

Visit these second floor exhibits.

**Life is Fun!! – 25 Years in Children’s Books**, featuring artist and author Nancy Carlson, runs through **September 16**. A book reading and signing will be held Saturday, August 13, 10 a.m. - noon.

**Wishful Thinking**, featuring artist Jennifer Davis, runs **September 22 - November 4**.

## SCHNEIDER THEATER

### BLOOMINGTON CIVIC THEATRE (BCT)

For tickets, call 952-563-8575 or visit [www.bloomingtoncivictheatre.org](http://www.bloomingtoncivictheatre.org).

### 50 YEARS OF BROADWAY’S BEST GALA EVENT

A black-tie optional event to laud BCT’s 50 years of musical performances will be held **Saturday, August 20, 7 - 10 p.m.** The gala event will include “50 Years of Broadway’s Best,” a performance directed and choreographed by John Command, hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar, live entertainment, dessert and special guest Sally Struthers. VIP ticket holders will receive a champagne and hors d’oeuvres reception beginning at 6 p.m., preferred seating and an opportunity to meet BCT artistic staff and Sally Struthers. Tickets are \$60 VIP; \$40 guest.

### BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS

Sally Struthers stars in **The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas**, a production based on a true story of a Texas brothel that becomes tangled in the forces of good vs. evil. The show runs **September 1 - 25**.

### BLOOMINGTON ART CENTER

**The Legend of Sleepy Hollow** will be performed **Thursdays - Saturdays, October 6 - 22, 7:30 p.m.**, and **Sundays, October 9 - 23, 2 p.m.** Tickets are \$15 adults; \$12 seniors/students. For information, call BAC at 952-563-8587.





2005 ELECTIONS

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, September 13

OFFICE ON THE BALLOT:  
Councilmember at Large

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 8

For more information, visit the City’s Web site at [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword: Voting, or call Voter Registration at 952-563-8729.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT

THIS FALL YOU WILL HAVE THE opportunity to exercise your right to vote for City and school district offices. Prior to Election Day, verify your polling location. *See map.*

Who is eligible to vote?

- You may vote if you are:
- At least 18 years of age.
  - A U.S. citizen.
  - A Minnesota resident for at least 20 days before the election.
  - A convicted felon whose sentence has been completed or discharged.
  - Not under court ordered guardianship in which court order revokes your right to vote.
  - Not legally incompetent.

Can I register to vote on Election Day?

You can register at your polling place on Election Day with acceptable identification.

Can I vote by absentee ballot?

- Yes, if you are unable to vote on Election Day because you are:
- Away from home.
  - Disabled or ill.
  - An election judge serving in another precinct.
  - Unable to go to the polling place due to a religious holiday or beliefs.
- Applications for absentee ballots are available at City Hall or on the City’s Web site, keyword: Voting.

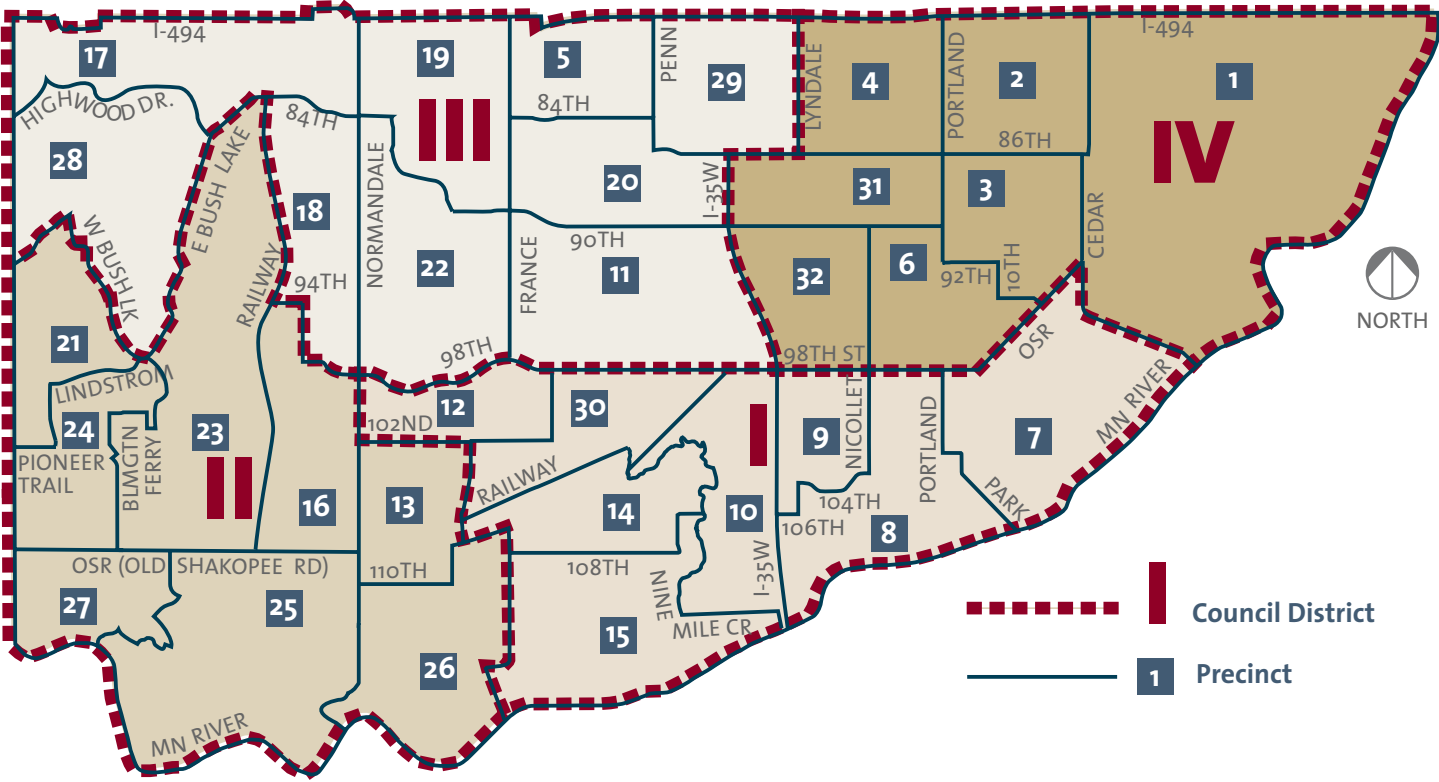
VOTING ASSISTANCE

VOTING ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE AT the polling places to accommodate persons with disabilities. Ask the election judges if you need:

- Help to read or mark your ballot.
- A magnifying device.
- A chair at the voting booth.
- Curbside voting.

All polling places are accessible, with clearly marked doors and parking spaces.

2005 BLOOMINGTON POLLING PLACES



Precinct/Polling location	Entrance/Parking
1 MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge 3815 East 80th Street	West entrance Visitor lot (W)
2 Portland Avenue Methodist Church 8000 Portland Avenue South	Main entrance West lot
3 Cedar Valley Church 8600 Bloomington Avenue	North entrance North lot
4 Emmaus Lutheran Church 8443 2nd Avenue South	East entrance East lot
5 Southtown Baptist Church 2600 West 82nd Street	Main entrance (E) East lot
6 Bloomington Lutheran Church 9350 Portland Avenue South	Main entrance South lot
7 Indian Mounds Elementary School 9801 - 11th Avenue South	Main entrance (N) Northwest lot
8 Riverside Reformed Church 10201 Nicollet Avenue South	North entrance East lot
9 Nativity of Mary School 9901 East Bloomington Freeway	NE sch. entrance NE lot
10 St. Luke’s Lutheran Church 1701 West Old Shakopee Road	NE entrance North lot
11 Bloomington Christian Church 9000 West Bloomington Freeway	South entrance South lot
12 Crosspoint Church 9801 France Avenue South	Main entrance (E) East lot
13 Hubert Olson Elementary School 4501 West 102nd Street	Main entr. (NW) West lot – disabled use front drive
14 Mount Hope Lutheran Church 3601 West Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance (S) South lot
15 Westwood Elementary School 3701 West 108th Street	Main entrance (N) West lot
16 Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church 9920 Normandale Boulevard South	NE entrance (Left doors) North lot

Precinct/Polling location	Entrance/Parking
17 Peace Lutheran Church 8600 East Bush Lake Road	Main entrance North lot
18 The Church of St. Edward’s 9401 Nesbitt Avenue South	SW entrance – upper level, SW lot
19 St. Stephen Lutheran Church 8400 France Avenue South	Main entrance (W) West lot
20 Washburn Elementary School 8401 Xerxes Avenue South	Main entrance NE lot
21 Sunrise Park Shelter 9401 Bloomington Ferry Road	Only entrance (N) North lot
22 Normandale Hills Elem. School 9501 Toledo Avenue South	Main entrance West lot
23 Community of the Cross Lutheran Church 10701 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (N) North lot
24 Bloomington Lutheran School 10600 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (S) S lot - disabled use East side
25 Bethany Missionary Church 6900 Auto Club Road	West entrance W and N lots
26 Southwood Center 4901 West 112th Street	West entrance West lot
27 Bethany Missionary Gymnasium 6900 Auto Club Road	Main entrance South lot
28 Bloomington Fire Station #6 8601 Lakeview Road	Main entrance N. lot and Street
29 Christ the King Lutheran Church 8600 Fremont Avenue South	SW entrance Southwest lot
30 Oak Grove Presbyterian Church 2200 West Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance Northeast lot
31 St. Bonaventure Catholic Church 901 East 90th Street (Social Hall)	Main entrance East lot
32 Oxboro Evangelical Free Church 9431 Nicollet Avenue South	North entrance North lot

**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**  
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By making a family disaster plan, you and your loved ones can be prepared for the unexpected.

**FAMILY DISASTER PLAN**

Discuss a plan with your family so that everyone knows what to do and who to contact in an emergency. Fill out, copy and distribute the Family Disaster Plan form to all family members.

Outside the house meeting place \_\_\_\_\_

Out of the neighborhood meeting place \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Family contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_